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SUBJ: CHOU POSSIBLE TARGET OF ALLEGORIC ATTACK

1. CANTON SCHOLAR YANG JUNG-KUO HAS WRITTEN ANOTHER ALLEGORIC ARTICLE ATTACKING CONFUCIUS, AND THIS TIME IT IS DISTINCTLY POSSIBLE TO INTERPRET HIS TARGET AS BEING PREMEIR CHOU. THE BEST CLUE IS BURIED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LENGTHLY ARTICLE, PUBLISHED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY AUGUST 7. THERE, YANG HOLDS UP FOR ATTACK THE SLOGAN, WHICH HE ATTRIBUTES TO CONFUCIUS, "REVIVE STATES THAT HAD BEEN EXTINGUISHED, RESTORE FAMILIES WHOSE LINE OF SUCCESSION HAD BENN BROKEN, AND CALL TO OFFICE THOSE WHO HAD RETIRED INTO OBSCURITY." THE ALLUSION TO REHABILITATED CULTURAL REVOLUTION VICTIMS IS ALMOST CERTAINLY INTENDED AND NOT EXPLAINABLE AS AN INDISCRETION. IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT MANY UN CHINA LINK CHOU WITH REHABILITATION.

2. ONE OF YANG'S THEMES IS THAT CONFUCIUS OPPOSED REFORMERS OF
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HIS DAY, HARRIED THEM, AND HAD THEM EXECUTED. YANG ALSO ATTACKS

CONFUCIUS FOR HIS SELF-SERVING, CLASS-SERVED EMPHASIS ON VIRTUE",
"LOYALTY," "FORGIVENESS," AND "BROTHERLY SUBORDINATION."
CONFUCIUS IS DESCRIBED AS LOOKING DOWN UPON THE WORKING CLASS,
AND THERE IS A CURIOUS THROWBACK LINE THAT "HE ESPECIALLY DESPISED
THE WOMEN."

3. YANG, WHOSE FORAYS INTO HISTORICAL COMMENTARY GOT HIM INTO
TROUBLE DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, FOR REAL OR IMAGINARY
SNIPING AT MAO, RETURNED TO THE SUBJECT OF HISTORY IN RED FLAG
THIS DECEMBER. HE THEN APPEARED TO BE STRAINING AT BIT TO WORK
LIU SHAO-CHI AND LIN PIAO INTO THE CROSSHAIRS OF HIS ALLEGORY
(HONG KONG A-33). DOUBTLESS THIS PRESENT ARTICLE WILL BE
SCRUTINIZED BY THE POLITICAL ATTUNED IN CHINA AND, AMID THE
UPSWELL OF CRITICISM CURRENTLY IN EVIDENCE ALONG A BROAD FRONT
OF REGIME POLICY, WE CAN EXPECT GROWING SPECULATION AMONG THE
CADRE THAT CHOU IS PERSONALLY IN TROUBLE. THERE WILL BE PRESSURE
ON HIM TO REFUTE THIS.

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